Mr. De la Rue's CASE:

Humbly Offer'd to the

Conſideration of the Honourable the Houſe of COMMONS.

IN the Year 96, having been by the Diſaffected Party, whoſe Company he then frequented, made acquainted with the horrid Deſign then on foot, to Aſſaſſinate the King's moſt Sacred Perſon, and introduce a Foreign Power into this Kingdom, he had no ſooner collected Circumſtances enough to juſtify the Truth of what he ſhould diſcover; but he went to Major-General *Leveſon*, and deſir'd him to acquaint the King with it: Whereupon His Majeſty, on the *Friday* before that deteſtable Deſign on His Royal Perſon was to have been put in Execution, ſent the Major-General to him to bring him to *Kenſington*, where, at Twelve at Night, in the King's Cloſet, my Lord *Portland* and the Major-General only preſent, he gave the King an Account of the whole Conſpiracy, which His Majeſty was pleas'd to thank him for, promis'd him His Royal Protection, and that He would make his Fortune.

He alſo took the liberty at the ſame time to tell His Majeſty, That his humble Opinion was, That the ſureſt way to detect and apprehend the Conſpirators, would be for His Majeſty to go out a Hunting the next Morning; becauſe, if he did ſo, they would go out of *London* about Three or Four in the Afternoon to *Turnham-Green*, and Places adjacent, which were appointed for the Rendezvouz, whither they were to repair in ſmall Numbers, and where they might eaſily be ſurpriz'd by ſome Horſe and Dragoons, which might be order'd for that purpoſe. This Advice the King ſeem'd to approve of, and had it been follow'd, would have put all the Conſpirators into the King's Hands, and have ſav'd Him a great deal of Money.

Immediately after this, he made Depoſitions of his Diſcovery before Sir *William Trumball*, then Secretary of State; without which he preſumes the Lords of the Privy-Council would have been to ſeek for want of the uſual way of proceeding by Depoſitions upon Oath to Apprehend the Conſpirators: becauſe Sir *Thomas Pendergras*, who had perhaps been as early as himſelf in diſcovering the Conſpiracy to His Majeſty, had, without making any Depoſitions of his Diſcovery, abſented himſelf, and oblig'd the King to the Expence of 1000*l.* to Apprehend him: So that it is moſt evident, that the firſt Proclamation, by vertue whereof ſeveral of the Conſpirators were ſeiz'd, was iſſu'd out upon his Depoſitions, and not upon the Information Sir *Thomas Pendergras* had given the King, which, as Mr. *Porter* can teſtify, muſt needs have been very dark and imperfect, and far ſhort of his Depoſitions aforeſaid.

In the Liſt of the Conſpirators Names, which he gave in upon Oath before Sir *William Trumball*, and which he had ſeveral Days before given to Major-General *Leveſon* to ſhew the King, Captain *Boys* and Captain *Knightly* were mention'd; who being put into the firſt Proclamation, and taken, diſcover'd more of the Conſpirators; upon which a ſecond Proclamation was Iſſu'd out, wherein Mr. *Harris*, one of King *James*'s Guards, and then lately ſent from *France*, was, amongſt others, inſerted: who thereupon ſurrendring himſelf, diſcover'd more of the Conſpirators, and was the occaſion of a third Proclamation, whereby yet more of them were Apprehended. From all which it is manifeſt, That his ſaid Depoſitions before Sir *William Trumball* were the Original and Chief means of the detecting that damnable Conſpiracy.

And here he deſires leave to obſerve, That the only Motive which excited him to make the Diſcovery aforeſaid, was only to prevent the Miſchiefs that threaten'd the King and the Nation; nor can he be ſuſpected to have done it out of apprehenſion of what might happen to himſelf, ſince he could not in the leaſt diſtruſt that any prior Diſcovery had been made: For when he inſiſted to the Privy-Council to be excus'd from appearing as an Evidence againſt his unhappy Acquaintance, (as he was promis'd by Major-General *Leveſon* that he ſhould) he was anſwer'd, That they had no Witneſſes to make it clear to the World, nor to convict the Conſpirators without him: So that he knew nothing of Sir *Thomas Pendergras*'s Diſcovery, till he ſaw him give his Evidence againſt *Charnock*, *King*, and *Keys*. This he thinks himſelf oblig'd to publiſh, becauſe of ſome malicious Reports that are ſpread abroad to his prejudice.

He alſo ſav'd the King 2000*l.* by diſcovering where *Charnock* and *Caſſels* were.

In conſideration of all which Services, His Majeſty by his Letters under His Royal Sign-Manual, bearing Date the 3d of *May* 1699, was Graciouſly pleas'd to Grant him 390*l. per Annum* of Forfeited Lands in *Ireland*, whither he has been forc'd to make ſeveral Journeys, which have been very Expenſive to him: and after all, by the Adjudications in the Court of Claims, and ſome of his Lands being over-valu'd, he is deficient in 113*l. per Annum* of His Majeſty's intended Bounty, (as appears by a late Report from the Lords Juſtices of that Kingdom) and paſs'd Patent for the Remainder but in *October* laſt, nor has he yet receiv'd One farthing Profit from it; but, on the contrary, has been at the Expence of 5 or 600*l.* in Charges of Inquiſitions, Paſſing Patent, *&c.*

All which conſider'd, he moſt humbly hopes, That if the Act of Reſumption ſhould Paſs, and his Grant thereby come to be vacated, the Honourable the *Houſe of Commons* will conſider the Greatneſs of his Services, and make ſuch Proviſion for him, as to their Great Wiſdom and Juſtice ſhall ſeem moſt fit and convenient.

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